Demand for enhancing allocation for health facilities by Madhya Pradesh

†3484. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has asked for an allocation of Rs. 18768 lakhs for enhancing the health facilities in the State;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) by when Government is likely to sanction this amount for increasing the health facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) Rs. 387.12 crores is the proposed resource envelop of the State of Madhya Pradesh for the financial year 2008-09. The State has submitted Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) which has been apprised by the National Programme Coordination Committee (NPCC) of NRHM. Funds shall be released to the State in instalments, after factoring the available unspent balance so as to ensure availability of adequate funds in the State for activities under NRHM. As on date an amount of Rs. 376.97 crores is reported to be available in the State for activities under NRHM.

Banned drugs

3485. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drugs banned in a number of countries continues to be on sale in the country;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the list of banned drugs includes medicines like Nimesulide, banned in over 170 countries, and at least 11 drugs, used for common cures continue to be sold freely in the country;

(d) whether it is a fact that this poor state of affairs is due to absence of poor monitoring mechanism; and

(e) if so, the steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) A drug, banned in a specific country, may not call for its withdrawal in other countries. Every country has its own regulatory system for approving or banning drugs after examining overall benefit risk ratio of the drug and its requirement in the country. Drugs, for which harmful effects or inadequate therapeutic justification is reported in the context of current medical evidence, are examined by Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB) on a continuous basis. Based on the recommendations of DTAB, so far, 78 drugs/drug formulations have been prohibited for marketing in the country. Sale of banned drugs in the country is a punishable offence under Section 28B of Drugs and Cosmetics Act. Nimesulide is not banned in over 170 countries. Due to its

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